

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 328 of 1931

CHAPTER XXX

DUELLING

750.171 Engaging in or challenging to fight duel.

Sec. 171. Engaging in or challenging to fight duel—Any person who shall engage in a duel with any deadly weapon, although no homicide ensue, or who shall challenge another to fight such duel, or shall send or deliver any written or verbal message, purporting or intended to be such challenge, although no duel ensue, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 10 years or by a fine of not more than 5,000 dollars, and shall also be incapable of holding or of being elected or appointed to any place of honor, profit or trust, under the constitution or laws of this state.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.171.

Former law: See section 7 of Ch. 153 of R.S. 1846, being CL 1857, § 5717; CL 1871, § 7516; How., § 9081; CL 1897, § 11476; CL 1915, § 15198; and CL 1929, § 16714.

750.172 Accepting challenge and abetting duel.

Sec. 172. Any person who shall accept any challenge, or who shall knowingly carry or deliver any challenge or message, whether a duel ensue or not, and every person who shall be present at the fighting of a duel with deadly weapons as an aid or second, or surgeon, or who shall advise, encourage, or promote such duel, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and is also disqualified as mentioned in the preceding section.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.172;—Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003.

Former law: See section 8 of Ch. 153 of R.S. 1846, being CL 1857, § 5718; CL 1871, § 7517; How., § 9082; CL 1897, § 11477; CL 1915, § 15199; and CL 1929, § 16715.

750.173 Posting for not accepting challenge to duel.

Sec. 173. Any person who shall post or advertise another, or in writing or print, use any reproachful or contemptuous language, to or concerning another, for not fighting a duel, or for not sending or accepting a challenge, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or a fine of not more than \$750.00.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.173;—Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003.

Former law: See section 9 of Ch. 153 of R.S. 1846, being CL 1857, § 5719; CL 1871, § 7518; How., § 9083; CL 1897, § 11478; CL 1915, § 15200; and CL 1929, § 16716.

750.173a Fencing as sport.

Sec. 173a. Fencing as a sport shall not be a violation of sections 171, 172 or 173 when face masks and other protective clothing designed to reduce the risk of injury are worn.

History: Add. 1968, Act 271, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.